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## America Fooled Again

STATEMENTS by Martin Dies always make the front page of most newspapers in America, but a declaration of America's war aims by Vice-President Wallace is distorted or buried, if not suppressed, by the American press. You do not get the news, and you do not get honest reporting. Why is it?

Martin Dies is tied up with the patent medicine industry, the Hearst press, the main advertising associations and therefore with the source of profit of the entire American press. The press supports him. Fellow congressmen, afraid of losing support of home town papers, vote Dies money every year although they know he is a faker.

So long as leading Americans speak of defeating Japan and Hitler they make the front page, but when they speak the truth about the meaning of the war, the war against real Fascism (which also includes the Fascism of certain Congressmen) then the press, which is 98 or 99% for the privileged and against the people, does not give the news.

## Wallace Speech Cut

IN 84 issues of IN FACT we have pointed out cases of news suppression, distortion, burial and mishandling; but in the past two years there has been no worse instance of crooked journalism than the handling of the great war speech by Vice-President Wallace.

In the nation's capital the speech was so badly reported that an industrial concern (Latex Corp.) paid to have it inserted as an ad. (We have said much about the evils of advertising; this is a rare instance of its social value). In the metropolis where the speech was heard over the radio, only one paper, PM, ran the text. Only PM headlined the great statement on the war—the war between a slave world and a free world; the war as a continuation of the American and other revolutions for the rights of all people. This is how the metropolitan press handled the story:

Howard's World-Telegram; 1/3 col; WALLACE SEES POSSIBILITY OF RAID ON ALASKA."

Hearst's Mirror; 1/2 col; "AXIS MAY SOON HIT AT ALASKA, SAYS WALLACE."

Hearst's J-American; 1/4 col; "ATTACK ON ALASKA SEEN BY WALLACE."

Patterson's News; 2/3 col; "WALLACE SEES ALASKA TARGET OF JAP ATTACK."

These are four papers owned by men who favored appeasing Japan and who published Nazi and Italian Fascist propaganda in their papers ever since 1922; they are three of the four publishers (the other is McCormick of Chi Trib) named as suspects following the Mac-

## Vice-President Wallace's Great Speech Suppressed; Holds Victory Means "Century of the Common Man"

AT LONG LAST a spokesman for the American people has made a great declaration about our Global War. And the American press has cut it to pieces, suppressed most of it, distorted it entirely.

Vice-President Wallace (speaking over the radio, May 8, Free World Ass'n dinner) said that this was a war between a slave world and a free world; this war was part of "march of freedom of the past 150 years . . . a people's revolution" taking up where "the American Revolution of 1775, the French Revolution of 1792, the Latin American revolutions of the Bolivarian era, the German Revolution of 1848 and the Russian Revolution of 1917" left off. Wallace denounced demagogues and traitors. He warned of traitorous attacks in Latin America by the Franco Fascists although he did not name Franco. But the newspapers, which ran only a few paragraphs, played up only "Attack on Alaska Seen by Wallace."

The Wallace speech is one of the great statements on the war for which the democratic people of all lands have been waiting. IN FACT has only a tiny fraction of the space that the commercial papers have. Nevertheless, we are publishing the text complete except for an introductory paragraph.

By VICE-PRESIDENT HENRY A. WALLACE

THIS is a fight between a slave world and a free world. Just as the United States in 1862 could not remain half slave and half free, so in 1942 the world must make its decision for a complete victory one way or the other.

As we begin the final stages of this fight to the death between the free world and the slave world, it is worth while to refresh our minds about the march of freedom for the common man. The idea of freedom—the freedom that we in the United States know and love so well—is derived from the Bible with its extraordinary emphasis on the dignity of the individual. Democracy is the only true political expression of Christianity.

The prophets of the Old Testament were the first to preach social justice. But that which was sensed by the prophets many centuries before Christ was not given complete and powerful political expression until our Nation was formed as a Federal Union a century and a half ago. Even then, the march of the common people had just begun. Most of them did not yet know how to read and write. There were no public schools to which all children could go. Men and women cannot be really free until they have plenty to eat, and time and ability to read and think and talk things over. Down the years, the people of the United States have moved steadily forward in the practice of democracy. Through universal education, they now can read and write and form opinions of their own. They have learned, and are still learning, the art of production—that is, how to make a living. They have learned, and are still learning, the art of self-government.

If we were to measure freedom by standards of nutrition, education and self-government, we might rank the United States and certain nations of Western Europe very high. But this would not be fair to other nations where education has become widespread only in the last 20 years. In many nations, a generation ago, 9 out of 10 of the people could not read or write. Russia, for example, was changed from an illiterate to a literate nation within one generation and, in the process, Russia's appreciation of freedom was tremendously increased. In China, the increase during the past 30 years in the ability of the people to read and write has been matched by their increased interest in real liberty.

## "The Common People Are on the March"

Everywhere, reading and writing are accompanied by industrial progress, and industrial progress sooner or later inevitably brings a strong labor movement. From a long-time and fundamental point of view, there are no backward peoples which are lacking in mechanical sense. Russians, Chinese, and the Indians both of India and the Americas all learn to read and write and operate machines just as well as your children and my children. Everywhere the common people are



on the march. By the millions, they are learning to read and write, learning to think together, learning to use tools. These people are learning to think and work together in labor movements, some of which may be extreme or impractical at first, but which eventually will settle down to serve effectively the interests of the common man.

When the freedom-loving people march—when the farmers have an opportunity to buy land at reasonable prices and to sell the produce of their land through their own organizations, when workers have the opportunity to form unions and bargain through them collectively, and when the children of all the people have an opportunity to attend schools which teach them truths of the real world in which they live—when these opportunities are open to everyone, then the world moves straight ahead.

But in countries where the ability to read and write has been recently acquired or—you know that 62% of the people in this world don't yet know how to read and write—where the people have had no long experience in governing themselves on the basis of their own thinking, it is easy for demagogues to arise and prostitute the mind of the common man to their own base ends. Such a demagogue may get financial help from some person of wealth who is unaware of what end the result will be. With this backing, the demagogue may dominate the minds of the people, and, from whatever degree of freedom they have, lead them back into a most degraded slavery. Herr Thyssen, the wealthy German steel man, little realized what he was doing when he gave Hitler enough money to enable him to play on the minds of the German people.

The demagogue is the curse of the modern world, and of all the demagogues, the worst are those financed by well-meaning wealthy men who sincerely believe that their wealth is likely to be safer if they can hire men with political "it" to change the sign posts and lure the people back into slavery of the most degraded kind. Unfortunately for the wealthy men who finance movements of this sort, as well as for the people themselves, the successful demagogue is a powerful genie who, when once let out of his bottle, refuses to obey anyone's command. As long as his spell holds, he defies God Himself, and Satan is turned loose upon the world.

## 150 Years of the People's Revolution

Through the leaders of the Nazi revolution, Satan now is trying to lead the common man of the whole world back into slavery and darkness. For the stark truth is that the violence preached by the Nazis is the devil's own religion of darkness. So also is the doctrine that one race or one class is by heredity superior and that all other races or classes are supposed to be slaves. The belief in one Satan-inspired Fuehrer, with his Quislings, his Laval, and his Mussolinis—his *gauleiters* in every nation in the world—is the last and ultimate darkness. Is there any hell hotter than that of being a Quisling, unless it is that of being a Laval or a Mussolini?

In a twisted sense, there is something almost great in the figure of the Supreme Devil operating through a human form, in a Hitler who has the daring to spit straight into the eye of God and man. But the Nazi system has a heroic position for only one leader. By definition only one person is allowed to retain full sovereignty over his own soul. All the rest are stooges—they are stooges who have been mentally and politically degraded, and who feel that they can get square with the world only by mentally and politically degrading other people. These stooges are really psychopathic cases. Satan has turned loose upon us the insane.

The march of freedom of the past 150 years has been a long-drawn-out people's revolution. In this Great Revolution of the people, there were the American Revolution of 1775, the French Revolution of 1792, the Latin-American revolutions of the Bolivarian era, the German Revolution of 1848, and the Russian Revolution of 1917. Each spoke for the common man in terms of blood on the battlefield. Some went to excess. But the significant thing is that the people groped their way to the light. More of them learned to think and work together.

The people's revolution aims at peace and not at violence, but if the rights of the common man are attacked, it unleashes the ferocity of a she-bear who has lost a cub. When the Nazi psychologists tell their master Hitler that we in the United States may be able to produce hundreds of thousands of planes, but that we have no will to fight, they are only fooling themselves and him.

## Four Freedoms—Four Duties

The people are on the march toward even fuller freedom than the most fortunate peoples of the world have hitherto enjoyed. No Nazi counter-revolutionist will stop it. The common man will smoke the Hitler stooges out into the open in the United States, in Latin America, and in India. He will destroy their influence. No Laval, no Mussolinis will be tolerated in a free world.

The people in their millennial and revolutionary march toward manifesting here on earth the dignity that is in every human soul, hold as their credo the Four Freedoms enunciated by President Roosevelt in his message to Congress on January 6, 1941. These four freedoms are the very core of the revolution for

Leish speech before the publishers' NY convention in which he charged treason and near-treason in the press.)

The anti-Fascist press did little better. Post ran 1/3 col, mostly on Alaska; Times ran 4/5ths col with Alaska in head and lead; Herald Tribune ran 1½ cols with Alaska lead but mentioned free world theme; Brooklyn Eagle ran ½ col on Alaska.

## Was It a Plot?

APOLOGIST for the press is Raymond Clapper, Howard columnist, who while praising Wallace suggested that speech "was lost in the shuffle of the news desks of the country, like Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. . . . Every newspaper office and press association desk muffs a play now and then. Instead of there having been a plot to suppress this most significant address, I suspect that most newspapermen who handled it are kicking themselves for having missed the story. I go into this because there are people who can't see anything around newspaper offices but dark suppression plots. They mistake a muffed play for sinister intent."

This is nonsense, if not worse. The Vice-President's office sent out "hold-for-release" copies days earlier. If Clapper were not a paid apologist for Roy Howard and his venal papers his present apology might sound better. The fact is that news unfavorable to Big Business, J P Morgan, the corporations, the advertisers, the Big Money, the Status Quo, is suppressed every day, and so are columnists like Clapper when they occasionally write something with a liberal slant.

Interviewed by PM, Prof Franz Boas, distinguished scientist and debunker of Hitler's race nonsense, thanked the paper for running speech, adding that "The (NY) Times, the paper I generally read, has suppressed (it) so far as its true implications are concerned."

It is a fact that between 85 and 95% of the press is against not only the New Deal but any Square Deal for all the people. It is also a fact that Wallace is one of the first liberals of America and has frequently criticized the press and the money which controls it. In 1934 Wallace accused "a highpriced publicity man" engaged "to place advertising where it would do the most good" and "strong Western newspapers" of a concerted drive against him. He accused corporation lobby agents in Washington of "what might almost be called political blackmail." He wrote: "If anyone in gov't service says anything which businessmen do not like they hold up the Red devil to scare the people." It is now reported that Chairman Dies, whom Wallace accused of spreading Hitler propaganda, is preparing a red smear on Wallace.

## "This Ain't Morale"

IN giving our readers the text of the suppressed radio play "This Is Morale," by Donald Ogden Stewart, sixth of the series in "This Is War," sponsored by the United States, IN FACT did so because it believed the document an excellent morale builder. It would have helped unite farmers, industrial workers, publishers, clerks, manufacturers, in the common effort to win the war, smash Fascism (including native forms). Requests for thousands of extra copies, and the presentation of the Stewart play by labor unions and the congregation of an



Illinois church confirm IN FACT's view.

Mr Stewart did not make a special point of protesting the suppression. But many of our readers did. Office of Facts and Figures wrote a Chicago subscriber that "Mr Stewart did not make the alterations in his Mss necessary to develop this public attitude." Stewart has written this subscriber: "I wish to protest most emphatically against the implications. . . . The fact is that I gave Norman Corwin . . . written permission to make . . . changes . . . in order to conform with the demands of OFF. . . . Mr Corwin yielded to every suggestion. When I flew from here (California) to NY at my own expense in order to take part in any final 'consultations' I was informed that my script had been definitely blackballed. . . . I have no quarrel with OFF."

To Wm B Lewis, who answered for OFF, Stewart wrote: "I have no desire to interrupt . . . important war activities. I merely wish to have on record my protest at what I consider extremely unfair treatment. . . . The 'information' you sent Mr F . . . was incorrect; the 'policy' (of assigning blame unjustly by implication) is not one usually associated with this government."

John C Baker of OFF says IN FACT omitted important parts of the script. This we brand a falsehood. Omitted were stage directions, some humorous lines, the "curbstone colonels" item, for lack of space.

### Well Paid Critics

THERE was a time when Wm Winter, Alex Woolcott, and other noted critics of the drama were thrown out of theatres or fired from their papers for expressing honest views. It is true that to a considerable extent the book, theatre, movie and other critics of our big city commercial press are given the rights of free speech in a free press. But the publishers have grown wise. They place in these positions men who have given evidence of expert brasscheck polishing. Thus John Chamberlain, ex-radical, becomes a spokesman for the National Ass'n of Manufacturers (Fortune magazine) and therefore a more highly prized book reviewer of the NYTimes.

Federated Press notes that when "Native Land," first full-length movie to show labor's struggle against native Fascism, opened in NYC the critics who smeared and sneered were the critics of the more reactionary and frequently pro-Nazi press. Eileen Creelman of NYSun, employer of native Fascists Gault MacGowan, Geo Sokolsky, Wm McFee; Wm Boehnel of Scripps-Howard World-Telegram, employer of Pegler and suppresser of liberal columnists; and Dorothy Masters of NYDNews, whose owner Patterson openly favored Japan, all attacked film.

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which the United Nations have taken their stand. We who live in the United States may think there is nothing very revolutionary about freedom of religion, freedom of expression, and freedom from the fear of secret police. But when we begin to think about the significance of freedom from want for the average man, then we know that the revolution of the past 150 years has not been completed, either here in the United States or in any other nation in the world. We know that this revolution cannot stop until freedom from want has actually been attained.

And now, as we move forward toward realizing the Four Freedoms of this people's revolution, I would like to speak about four duties:

The duty to produce to the limit.

The duty to transport as rapidly as possible to the line of battle.

The duty to fight with all that is in us.

The duty to build a peace—just, charitable and enduring.

The fourth duty is that which inspires the other three.

We failed in our job after World War No. 1. We did not know how to go about it to build an enduring world-wide peace. We did not have the nerve to follow through and prevent Germany from rearming. We did not insist that she "learn war no more." We did not build a peace treaty on the fundamental doctrine of the people's revolution. We did not strive whole-heartedly to create a world where there could be freedom from want for all the peoples. But by our very errors we learned much, and after this war we shall be in position to utilize our knowledge in building a world which is economically, politically and, I hope, spiritually sound.

### The Century of the Common Man

Modern science, which is a by-product and an essential part of the people's revolution, has made it technologically possible to see that all of the people of the world get enough to eat. Half in fun and half seriously, I said the other day to Madame Litvinoff: "The object of this war is to make sure that everybody in the world has the privilege of drinking a quart of milk a day." She replied: "Yes, even a pint." The peace must mean a better standard of living for the common man, not merely in the United States and England, but also in India, Russia, China and Latin America—not merely in the United Nations, but also in Germany and Italy and Japan.

Some have spoken of the "American Century." I say that the century on which we are entering—the century which will come into being after this war—can be and must be the century of the common man. Perhaps it will be America's opportunity to support the freedoms and duties by which the common man must live. Everywhere the common man must learn to build his own industries with his own hands in a practical fashion. Everywhere the common man must learn to increase his productivity so that he and his children can eventually pay to the world community all that they have received. No nation will have the God-given right to exploit other nations. Older nations will have the privilege to help younger nations get started on the path to industrialism, but there must be neither military nor economic imperialism.

The methods of the nineteenth century will not work in the people's century which is now about to begin. India, China, and Latin America have a tremendous stake in the people's century. As their masses learn to read and write, and as they become productive mechanics, their standard of living will double and treble. Modern science, when devoted whole-heartedly to the general welfare, has in it potentialities of which we do not yet dream.

### Must Think of the Whole World

And modern science must be released from German slavery. International cartels that serve American greed and the German will to power must go. Cartels in the peace to come must be subjected to international control for the common man, as well as being under adequate control by the respective home governments. In this way, we can prevent the Germans from again building a war machine while we sleep. With international monopoly pools under control, it will be possible for inventions to serve all the people instead of only the few.

Yes, and when the time of peace comes, the citizen will again have a duty, the supreme duty of sacrificing the lesser interest for the greater interest of the general welfare. Those who write the peace must think of the whole world. There can be no privileged peoples.

If we really believe that we are fighting for a people's peace, all the rest becomes easy. Production, yes—it will be easy to get production without either strikes or sabotage; production with the whole-hearted cooperation between willing arms and keen brains; enthusiasm, zip, energy geared to the tempo of keeping at it everlastingly day after day. Hitler knows as well as those of us who sit in on the War Production Board meetings that we here in the United States are winning the battle of production. He knows that both labor and business in the United States are doing a most remarkable job and that his only hope is to crash through to a complete victory some time during the next 6 months.

And then there is the task of transportation to the line of battle by truck, by railroad car, by ship. We shall joyously deny ourselves so that our trans-



portation system is improved by at least 30%. There is going to be some denying. You'll hear plenty about it soon.

I need say little about the duty to fight. Some people declare, and Hitler believes, that the American people have grown soft in the last generation. Hitler agents continually preach in South America that we are cowards, unable to use, like the "brave" German soldiers, the weapons of modern war with a holy hatred. But because of that fact and because Hitler and the German people stand as the very symbol of war, we shall fight with a tireless enthusiasm until war and the possibility of war have been removed from this planet. We shall cleanse the plague spot of Europe, which is Hitler's Germany, and with it the hell-hole of Asia—Japan.

### ***Heroic Traditions Now in the Making***

The American people have always had guts and always will have. You know the story of bomber pilot Dixon and radioman Gene Aldrich and ordnance-man Tony Pastula—the story which Americans will be telling their children for generations to illustrate man's ability to master any fate. These men lived for 34 days on the open sea in a rubber life raft, 8 feet by 4 feet, with no food but that which they took from the sea and the air with one pocket knife and a pistol. And yet they lived it through and came at last to the beach of an island they did not know. In spite of their suffering and weakness, they stood like men, with no weapon left to protect themselves, and no shoes on their feet or clothes on their backs, and walked in military file because, they said, "If there were Japs, we didn't want to be crawling."

The American fighting men, and all the fighting men of the United Nations, will need to summon all their courage during the next few months. I am convinced that the summer and fall of 1942 will be a time of supreme crisis for us all. Hitler, like the prize-fighter who realizes he is on the verge of being knocked out, is gathering all his remaining forces for one last desperate blow.

We may be sure that Hitler and Japan will cooperate to do the unexpected—perhaps an attack by Japan against Alaska and our Northwest coast at a time when German transport planes will be shuttled across from Dakar to furnish leadership and stiffening to a German uprising in Latin America. In any event, the psychological and sabotage offensive in the United States and Latin America will be timed to coincide with, or anticipate by a few weeks, the height of the military offensive.

### ***Fifth Column Must Be Stifled***

We must be especially prepared to stifle the fifth columnists in the United States who will try to sabotage not merely our war material plants, but even infinitely more important, our minds. We must be prepared for the worst kind of fifth column work in Latin America, much of it operating through the agency of governments with which the United States at present is at peace. When I say this, I recognize that the peoples, both of Latin America and of the nations supporting the agencies through which the fifth columnists work, are overwhelmingly on the side of the democracies. We must expect the offensive against us on the military, propaganda and sabotage fronts, both in the United States and in Latin America, to reach its apex some time during the next few months.

The convulsive efforts of the dying madman will be so great that some of us may be deceived into thinking that the situation is bad at a time when it is really getting better. But in the case of most of us, the events of the next few months, disturbing though they may be, will only increase our will to bring about complete victory in this war of liberation. Prepared in spirit we can not be surprised. Psychological terrorism will fall flat. As we nerve ourselves for the supreme effort in this hemisphere we must not forget the sublime heroism of the oppressed in Europe and Asia, whether it be in the mountains of Yugoslavia, the factories of Czechoslovakia and France, the farms of Poland, Denmark, Holland and Belgium, among the seaman of Norway, or in the occupied areas of China and the Dutch East Indies. Everywhere the soul of man is letting the tyrant know the slavery of the body does not end resistance.

### ***No Half Measures—Complete Victory***

There can be no half measures. North, South, East, West and Middle West—the will of the American people is for complete victory.

No compromise with Satan is possible. We shall not rest until all the victims under the Nazi and Japanese yoke are freed. We shall fight for a complete peace as well as a complete victory.

The people's revolution is on the march, and the devil and all his angels can not prevail against it. They can not prevail, for on the side of the people is the Lord.

"He giveth power to the faint; to them that have no might He increaseth strength. . . . They that wait upon the Lord shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk and not be faint."

Strong in the strength of the Lord, we who fight in the people's cause will not stop until that cause is won.

# CONTEST RESULTS

Final tabulation of IN FACT'S subscription contest which closed May 8th show that IN FACT received well over 10,000 new subscriptions and renewals.

More than 1,700 readers joined the contest. Of these, 1,227 qualified as full-fledged contestants, and all of these will receive a copy of "THE FACTS ARE . . ." by George Seldes, as soon as it is off the press (end of the month).

*And here are the winners:*

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**(\$15 War Savings Stamps Each)**

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All prize winners, as well as the winners of the special prizes of books and phonograph records (who are urged to let us know their selections as early as possible) have been notified, and the bonds and stamps are being mailed to them.

IN FACT is well satisfied with the results, and believes the contestants are pleased too at having contributed toward putting IN FACT on a sounder economic basis.